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SUBJECT: CINCSOUTH CHANGE OF COMMAND

1. ADMIRAL H. E. SHEAR, VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, WILL ASSUME COMMAND OF CINCSOUTH ON 18 JULY. THE NAVAL ATTACHE IN MADRID HAS ADVISED DEPARTMENT OF NAVY THAT VADM GUILLERMO MATEU ROLDAN, VICE CHIEF OF THE SPANISH NAVAL STAFF WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING ADMIRAL SHEAR'S CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES IN NAPLES IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. VADM MATEU IS LONG TIME FRIEND OF ADMIRAL SHEAR, STRONG SUPPORTER OF USN AND MOST RECENTLY WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BREAKING ROADBLOCK FOR RESUMPTION OF NUCLEAR POWER WARSHIP VISITS TO SPAIN.

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2. ADMIRAL SHEAR WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND THE INVITATION AND DEPARTMENT IS FAVORABLY INCLINED. HOWEVER, WE REQUEST USNATO COMMENTS ON PROPRIETY OF THE INVITATION, POSSIBLE NEED FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIES AND ANY OTHER POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS BEFORE EXTENDING THE INVITATION. ANY FURTHER INFORMATION EMBASSY MADRID CAN PROVIDE WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.

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